



Washington County Health Department

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National Radon Action Month

January is National Radon Action Month. The Washington County Health Department is encouraging you to test your home. Many of your neighbors have already made their homes safer by testing their homes for radon and installing systems to vent high radon levels out. Radon causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year in the United States. Lung cancer caused by radon can be prevented and homes with high radon can be made safer by venting the radon out.

The only way to know if you have radon in your home is to test for it and winter is the best time to test. You can pick up a radon test kit at the Washington County Health Department, 333 E Washington St., Suite 1100 in West Bend Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the low cost of only \$6.00. If you prefer to have a kit mailed to you, send your name and address along with a check for \$8.00 made out to the Washington County Health Department to the Washington County Health Department, P.O. Box 2003, West Bend, WI 53095.

Testing for radon is easy. To determine your home's radon level, collect the radon sample according to the directions that come with the kit. Once the 48-hour test is completed, fill out the lab form and promptly mail both the kit and the form to the lab in the preaddressed envelope provided. Analysis is at no additional charge. The only additional cost to you is for the 4 first class postage stamps needed to mail the kit.

Additional radon information is available by clicking on "Environmental Health" on the Health Department website: www.co.washington.wi.us/chn. Additional radon information, including a list of radon levels by zip code, can be found on the State Radon Website at www.lowradon.org. Your radon questions can be directed to Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Specialist at the Washington County Health Department by calling 1-888-lowradon (1-888-569-7236) or 262-335-4706.

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